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The Fort Erie Native Centre held its 20th Mid-Winter Powwow on Saturday. See page 26 for more photos.

Council supports speedway

Councillors
agree
development is
a priority

Fort Erie council is revving up support for the Canadian Motor Speedway by making the success of the project a priority.

Councillors endorsed the project Monday night by passing a resolution that recognizes the \$15 million investment made to date on the pre-development of the speedway.

The resolution also calls for the Region to reconsider including the Canadian Motor Speedway as a priority in the Gateway Economic Zone and Centre Community Improvement Plan program, allowing tax incentives for the project for 10 years.

Mayor Wayne Redekop said the development of the speedway is an important economic driver for Fort Erie which is why he felt it was important for council let Niagara Region staff know the development is a priority for the town.

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Council approves funding for Fort Erie Race Track

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Town of Fort Erie will provide the Fort Erie Race Track with a \$500,000 boost.

Fort Erie councillors considered the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium's funding request during budget deliberations held last week. The decision as to whether or not the Town would provide the funding was tabled until Monday's council meeting.

The original recommendation from Town staff was to approve a one-time funding grant for \$500,000.

Instead, council agreed to give the Consortium \$500,000 this year, \$250,000 in 2016 and eliminate funding in 2017.

Councillors will assist the racetrack by lobbying the government to reinstate gaming revenue.

Although he supported the racetrack, Mayor Wayne Redekop said he didn't support the amendment made to the

original recommendation from Town staff because it would have an impact on next year's tax bill.

"It would be a dark day in Fort Erie," Redekop said about the possibility of facing coming to an end. "But we have other responsibilities that go beyond the racetrack."

"No one from the FELRC likes approaching council for funding," Ward 3 Coun. Kimberly Zanko said. "It's difficult considering the impact to everyone but the economic impact, if the plug is abruptly pulled on the racetrack, is substantial."

Jim Thibert, chief executive officer of the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium, said council "is comfortable" committing funds to the racetrack for two more seasons because the race track has a strong business plan.

He said council anticipates "greater market potential with the onset of the Canadian Motor Speedway and the master project."

Last season, the province committed \$7.9 million to the

racetrack as part of a five-year contract. The province will give the same funding to the racetrack each year for the next four years.

"I have reiterated the FELRC offer to Council that with the return of gaming, when and if that they were a partner and along with offsetting the province's \$7.9 million, that we should be paying back the Town contributions at a commensurate rate," Thibert said.

The addition of the funding for the racetrack represents a 7.28% increase on the Town's portion of the tax bill for the median house hold.

When the Region and the school board's taxes are factored in, it means a 3.33% tax increase for taxpayers. However, the education portion hasn't been finalized by the province yet.

Council is expected to finish budget deliberations by approving the capital budget and general levy budget during a meeting on Monday, March 23.

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'We are formalizing a strategic plan to make it happen'

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The resolution passed by council is similar to a resolution Fort Erie representative Sandy Annunziata will present to Regional Council later this month.

Annunziata said it's time to stop talking about the speedway and help bring it to fruition.

"We are formalizing a strategic plan to make (the speedway) happen," he said.

"We've dealt with most of the show stoppers including challenges from the (Ontario Municipal Board)," Azhar

Mohammed, the speedway's executive director said about the challenges faced by the development.

"One of the biggest issues we are facing is with the Ministry of

Transportation with respect to the Bowen Road interchange.

Mohammed said the province wants to upgrade the Queen Elizabeth Way overpass to four lanes, instead of two.

"The issue is the MTO would like us to build a four-lane interchange at Bowen Road and would like us to pay for it," Mohammed said.

"The cost is \$38 million. We are not here to build interchanges," he added.

Mohammed believes a two-lane overpass "is sufficient" to manage future traffic from the speedway.

He said a third party has been hired to study traffic along the interchange and the information will be presented to the MTO.

Mohammed said the development's investors are Emirates Consulting

from the United Arab Emirates and The International Investor from Kuwait.

The proposed development, which will include a stadium with an initial capacity of 65,000 seats, represents the largest foreign direct investment in tourism in Ontario since 1981. There is a potential \$400 million in direct, private sector investment and an estimated \$450 million in economic impact from development and construction, including up to 1,100 direct and indirect jobs and \$890 million in labour earnings.

The Canadian Motor Speedway will be built on 821 acres of land along the QEW near Bowen Road and Gilmore Road.

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GO public rally scheduled for Friday in Niagara Falls

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

Advocates to bring year-round GO train service to Niagara will try to build on recent news a high-profile expert has been brought in to put the issue on the provincial government's front burner.

Politicians and business leaders will attend a public rally scheduled for Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the VIA Rail train station on Bridge St. in Niagara Falls. The Niagara GO Where Would You Go? event will serve as the launch of the public campaign to bring daily GO train service to the region.

"We would like to see as many people as possible," said Jeremy Meyerink, a policy analyst with the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce. "We want to draw the province's attention to the fact that Niagara is ready to have GO service and we want it now."

Dave Shaw, interim chief executive officer with the chamber, said the agency has partnered with Niagara Region as a secondary partner to push the initiative further into public light.

He said the Region bringing in former GO Transit president Gary McNeil on contract to help develop a comprehensive business plan that is soon expected to be presented to the premier is a "great step forward."

"To bring a message to the province how important this is to us in Niagara, I'm impressed by how the Region has handled this, they've taken no prisoners," he said.

"To bring (McNeil on board) is an indicator of the probability that we will get results. A person like that would not come in if he didn't see there being a good chance of being successful."

Last month, regional councillors decided to

draw from a Taxpayer Relief Fund to pay for half of the \$400,000 budgeted to advocate for daily GO rail service to Niagara.

Harry Schlange, the Region's chief administrative officer, said McNeil's pay is a "fraction" of the \$400,000.

"He is paid as he does the work," said Schlange.

Regional council also decided to pay \$500,000 for a "mobility hub" study that will look at potential GO transit stations in St. Catharines, Grimsby, Niagara Falls and Beamsville.

In the fall, council made a commitment to the province to conduct the study, which will include design concepts.

Both Shaw and Meyerink pointed to the widespread and unanimous support from local politicians of all stripes, as well as business and edu-

cational leaders, for the aggressive GO push.

"GO has the ability to impact everybody in Niagara. It would impact everyone positively in different ways," said Shaw.

He said it would be a "significant enabler" for Niagara businesses that want to do business in the Greater Hamilton and Toronto areas and vice versa. It would also allow those in Niagara to "get at" services not currently available in the region.

"It would provide the ability for talent to get in and out of the Greater Hamilton and Toronto areas easier. It would provide so many great opportunities for our business and tourism sectors.

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Senators want Canada's duty free exemptions to mirror those in the U.S.

Allison Langley
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Samantha McNaughton
is an occasional cross border shopper.

The Niagara Falls resident typically heads to

Niagara Falls, N.Y. a few times a month to stock up on what she calls "great deals" on milk and cereal as well as snacks for her kids that aren't available in Ontario.

"I keep an eye on my total so they usually let me through and so I don't have to pay any duty," she said. "When I do I have to pay, it's never that much."

Canadians returning from U.S. trips are subject to duty on items unless they've been out of the country for at least 24 hours in which case they can bring back up to \$200 in merchandise.

In comparison, American residents shopping in Canada for less than 24 hours can bring back up to \$200 in goods duty free.

Two American senators are now lobbying the Canadian government to increase duty free exemptions for same-day shoppers so that they are on par with U.S. rates.

Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand recently co-signed a letter to Gary Doer, Canada's ambassador to the U.S., saying the current policy for short trips across the border is discouraging Canadians from shopping in the U.S.

"Right now, Canadian families wishing to spend the day shopping in upstate New York must carefully watch the clock to calculate how high their duty rates will be, and that shouldn't be the case between neighbors," Schumer said in a press release.

For example, if a Canadian family purchases \$100 worth of clothing on a day trip in Buffalo, the merchandise would be subject to a \$22 duty.

In comparison, a family from Buffalo, N.Y. purchasing the same merchandise on a day trip to Niagara Falls, Ont. would not have to pay any duty.

"I urge Canada to

increase their duty free threshold to create a level playing field that will benefit both American and Canadian companies," Gillibrand said.

McNaughton, who spent Sunday morning with a friend shopping at Walmart on Oakwood Dr., says an increase in duty free rates likely wouldn't affect her cross border shopping.

"I don't really shop over there that often other than for a few groceries because I like to spend my money in Canada," she said.

Her friend Diane Shelton, of Fort Erie, disagreed.

"I would definitely shop over there more," she said. "It's not really fair that they have to pay duty and they don't when they come here."

David Savigny, of Welland, said he limits his cross border shopping trips but often goes around the Christmas season to snag some deals at the outlet malls.

He said being able to bring back \$200 in goods duty free after being in the U.S. for only a couple of hours is appealing.

"Yes, I'd go over more often," he said.

The senators' letter to Doer said Canada's low exemption rate represents an "unnecessary trade barrier between our two countries, particularly for low-value, low-risk shipments." Doer could not be reached for comment.

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Do You Remember?

As of yet, we have not heard from anyone about last week's photo of his fledgling firefighter doing his chin-ups.

We did hear about the previous week's photo. Our thanks to Lou Coshan, Fran Wright and Noreen Smith for identifying Maisie Brown as

the tall lady on the left side.

Maisie who was a member of the Horticultural Society and the Hospital Auxiliary was fondly remembered by these callers.

We know that these students proudly displaying their trophies are from Black

Creek School in the early 1970s.

Are you in this photo or do you remember any of these children? If so, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-884-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca and let us know.

letters to the editor

Reader thanks town staff

Dear Editor,

It seems that all we talk about these days is how cold this winter has been.

A very common greeting I hear is "Can you believe this weather?" or "I can't remember when we have had so much snow and such cold temps."

Well I would like to add

something to the mix. I can't believe it has been so cold that my water main broke.

I, like most people, have experienced loss of electricity and heat but other than the odd hour or two of water being turned off due to work underway I have never experienced not having water for any length of time - in this case for three and a half days.

My initial contact with the Town proved to be what I was going to experience throughout the duration of my dilemma. This dilemma, by the way, was shared by many in Fort Erie.

Everyone I dealt with

was pleasant and friendly and seemed to truly be concerned about getting my water back on.

Can you imagine the endless calls they received not to mention dealing with people who were no doubt less than polite due to their frustration?

But hey—it wasn't their fault.

Mother nature clearly bears the burden.

Two young men came to assess my situation and were nothing but friendly, compassionate and professional.

The team that came to dig and steam and do whatever else they did were the same.

Friendly, communicative and committed to getting the job done.

Oh and by the way—this was on the weekend in the extreme cold.

And yes— I know that they were doing their jobs but they were doing them relentlessly and under trying conditions.

So thank you to all who assisted me— from the office staff to the team that brought it back on!

Who would ever have thought that the sound of a flushing toilet would be music to my ears.

Judy Campbell
Fort Erie

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Plenty of fun to be had at the library

March Break is nearly here, and the Fort Erie Public Library is ready to welcome kids and teens to a full week of featured programs, fun crafts, films and more for the entire family.

If you like music, we have Mystic Drumm on Monday and St. Patrick's fun on Wednesday.

On Monday morning at the Centennial branch and Monday afternoon at Crystal Ridge, Mystic Drumm demonstrates an amazing variety of the percussion instrument with a story-based performance including Trinidad steel pan, Cuban bongos, Spanish castanets and European xylophone.

All ages are welcome and



Amy Roebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

tickets are \$2.

On Wednesday evening at the Stevensville Hall, welcome McPibson's Rant and the Faherty-De Menezes School of Irish Dance for traditional St. Patrick's music, dance and refresh-

ments. All ages are welcome, tickets are \$5.

There's lots to learn at the library during March Break, too.

Find out about the Amazon Rainforest and meet its inhabitants during a visit by the Reptile Kingdom on Wednesday morning at the Centennial branch and at Crystal Ridge on Wednesday afternoon. The Amazon Rainforest Show includes a Dwarf Caiman, anacondas, tarantulas, scorpions, toads, iguanas and the Red Eye Tree Frog.

All ages are welcome, tickets are \$2. If you are between 11 and 14, and would like to become a babysitter, the St. John Ambulance course on

Tuesday at the Crystal Ridge branch of the library is for you!

There aren't many places left for this great workshop, so sign up today. Home Alone skills for ages 8 and up will be offered at the Centennial branch on Friday, March 20, during the afternoon.

To register and arrange payment for either of these courses, please call St. John Ambulance at 905-356-7340.

There is a \$40 fee for the Babysitting course, and \$30 for Home Alone.

If you want to do something artistic, Silhouette Art on Tuesday morning at the Centennial branch is for you.

All ages are invited; parental participation is required for children under 6.

Movies are a great way to have fun and enjoy the break, and we have films for all ages.

Tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch, Tommy Lee Jones and Hilary Swank star in The Homesman. On Saturday, March 14, Hobbit: desolation of Smaug will play at 1 p.m. We will complete the Hobbit trilogy on March 21 at 1 p.m. with Hobbit: battle of five armies. During the week between the Centennial branch is the location to see the entire Hunger Games trilogy, with Hunger Games on Monday at 6 p.m., Catching Fire on

Tuesday at 6 p.m., and the long-awaited Mockingjay, part 1 on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Penguins of Madagascar is showing on Monday and Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., and Night at the Museum: secrets of the tomb on Tuesday and Thursday, also at 2:30 p.m. All movies are \$3.

The week is rounded out with story and craft times, a stuffed animals sleepover, and much more. Ask at your nearest branch or visit our website www.fepi.ca and enjoy a Break at the library!

Amy Roebuck is the Community Services Coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

The world's largest owl is the Eagle

Did you like the Northern Goshawk article?

Some of my old time readers remember my article about Bubo bubo.

That's the world's largest owl called the Eagle owl. I recently received some revealing news about the big bird. In the Buffalo News Feb. 27, 2015 is a startling article. I quote, "Dozens of residents in the town of Purnereend near Amsterdam, Netherlands have been attacked by an Eagle owl with a six foot wing span. ... an aggressive Eagle owl at night has attacked residents and many had to seek medical aid for some serious scalp wounds." It tells of the residents using open umbrellas to protect themselves. I'll settle for our Northern Goshawk.

It was at Pelham Library years ago I saw my first Bubo bubo.

Daughter Diane O'Brien and I viewed a raptor group from western Ontario. The gloved handler had several raptors lined up across the front.

At one end was a mature Horned owl at the far end was



Earl Plato
When Nature Calls

Bubo bubo.

He said that this Eagle owl was a young one. It dwarfed our Great Horned. I never forgot that time. Two years later Diane, oldest daughter, Elizabeth Cudney, and I headed to Norway to visit relatives. Norway is one of the main homes of this giant bird. My cousins near Oslo were ignorant of Bubo bubo. I was disappointed.

We headed northwards by rented car to near where my grandma was born, the ancient capital, Trondheim. Binoculars in hand we were alert for the six feet plus wing span of the Eagle owl. No luck.

While there we visited the Trondheim museum. Out

front was a giant bull moose bronze statue but inside a 'gold mine' for me! The receptionist spoke very good English.

Note: English is their second language. My relatives all spoke English clearly.

I asked her about Bubo bubo, the Eagle Owl. She smiled and said, "Over there, sir, and down the steps there is an entire room devoted to the bird. No cameras taking inside. Some of the prints are susceptible to flash."

As we three walked down the steps, there it was suspended over the door was Bubo bubo, the Eagle owl. What a sight. I say at least six feet wingspan. What a giant of an owl! We were not yet in the special room.

Of course I snapped it. Poor daughters as I perused the photos were my artifacts. One ancient wood print started me. It was a Bubo bubo with an infant in its talons. I had read about such happenings. My research tells of lambs and infant goats being seized by this powerful bird.

There was proof.

Here is some latest research from the Internet on Bubo



An Eagle owl.

bubo. Like our Great Horned it is a nocturnal hunter. No day light flights for it.

That explains no sightings. Up to six eggs in a lofty nest. Eagle owls are good parents. They are very protective of their nesting site. I wonder if that is what caused the Dutch attacks last week. Makes sense.

The male feeds his mate while she is on the nest. They both care for their young for about five months. Here are adult measurements.

Total length of 75 centimetres (39 in) with a wingspan of 188 centimetres (74 in). That's over 6 ft! My Trondheim Bubo was that size!

Think old. The Eagle owl in

captivity has lived up to 60 years.

Mankind is its worse enemy: electrocution, traffic accidents (mainly at night) and of course shooting.

Nature is always interesting. Continue to be curious.

Earl Plato is an author and Fort Erie resident.

From the gardener's journal: Look to the sky and be rewarded

Ruth Vold Markle
Special to The Times

I have been looking at the sky in the evening recently. March is considered a month of gazing up and being rewarded.

There was a lovely creamy full moon on the fifth and a bright clear sky to see the descent of the winter constellation Orion.

As a child, I learned about that particular constellation first and have been a fan ever since.

There is a link between seeing the sky and following the movements in these times and being aware that this was an important part for sailors and explorers in other times.

A clear cold night reveals a crystal-like beauty unmatched during the day. My thought is: keep looking up!

Now that the warmth of the sunshine is stronger, the daylight increasing and finally the hard snow melting, I can see the lighter step and even a few smiling faces as we walk and hike around the area.

Not so many scarves and hats hiding the faces.

And a big thanks to the snow mobbers who have

made a nice trail making passage along the lake possible this winter—thank you. You created an easier hike for us and the puppies.

This month is celebratory in our home with two birthdays in the family and a very special baby to be born to a young man and his wife who have been like family.

Truly, when we see the close of February we know that spring is beginning the slow uncurling process of growth and green. I saw grass in the backyard this week while I cleared another trail for the puppies... so I know underneath all the white there is life, however cold it may be at the moment.

Should you walk into the greenhouse at Fort Erie Secondary School you will not notice the white at all. The smell of the fresh earth, the bloom of hibiscus and other flowers and the seedlings begun in their packs will embrace you.

So far we are on the growing plan for early plantings, so no matter what the spring brings, we will have some life in the plants!

I thought about this a

great deal this week as the students and I worked at plantings.

There is such hope in seeds! I am reminded of my cousin in Norway who shared that when that country was very poor there were times that all they had to eat was what they could grow themselves.

They could not afford to import so they had to grow or dry their food. That's where some of the meal traditions were born. That's why the hard boiled eggs, sliced tomato and cucumber and dark bread are a tradition for breakfast.

This was what they had when they had little. Even when they had little and had to scramble hard for that, they were very creative and filled their homes with scents and hand painted items. I suppose the creative within us keeps seeking beauty no matter the circumstances of our life. There is hope in life and sustaining life.

During this winter season trying to sustain and create is a challenge.

Keeping healthy is a challenge. With this in mind I thought I would mention the positives of

some herbs for health.

Echinacea: the roots used to aid in wound healing. Still considered today to be a preventative agent in colds and flu's as well as an effective antibiotic.

You can grow your own in your outdoor space and enjoy the beauty of flower shades ranging from cream to deep pink.

Not only do these flowering herbs satisfy the eye, they can be used (mature roots) to help the health process. A two for one!

Garlic: Used traditionally in respiratory ailments.

In many cultures garlic has been thought to be an effective germ killer.

It's uses include treatment for high blood pressure, circulatory and cardiac treatments. A garlic with garlic tea aids in the treatment of sore throats. It is one of the safest herbs given in moderation (and not to small children), it seems to provide over all health benefits. Garlic can be grown in a small seed but also from cloves.

Sowing in spring provides a fall harvest and since it can tolerate the cold, you can plant as soon as the ground can be worked, up to six weeks

before the final frost.

The largest bulbs will grow in full sun, but it will tolerate shade. Cut the stems and flowers back so the growth goes to the bulbs, but keep a few flowering for their beauty.

When ready to harvest let them dry in the shade and shake the dirt off in a few days. Store in a dry cool place. The best storage is in braiding the bulbs together. Go along Gilmore Road towards Central in the late summer and you will find perfectly braided bulbs. You can learn how!

Ginger: a flavor of half spice, half citrus, it soothes digestion and is used to prevent motion sickness. A root can be kept for a long time wrapped first in a paper towel then wrapped tightly in plastic and refrigerated. You can easily grow it in a container.

Plant a rhizome in equal parts of loam, sand, peat moss and compost.

Give it plenty of warmth, moistened at the canopy. During the warm months move the ginger to a semi shaded location outdoors. To harvest pull the plant from its pot eight to 12 months after planting, cut off the leafstalks and

remove fibrous roots.

Cut off as much ginger root as you can use (or share it) and replant the rest. My daughter in law uses ginger tea to help cure sore throats and colds. I think my son will only drink ginger tea—learning to appreciate its benefits.

Those are just some herbal uses for what we can grow where we are.

During this month you can enjoy seedy Sunday in St. Catharines on March 15 at the Centre for Adults, 80 Dunlop Street from 9:30 until 3:30 p.m.

Here you can purchase and learn more about seeds and growth.

I have been part of the sharing community of gardeners for a long time and have observed that we can still see the pioneer spirit of helpfulness in every day in the way we share and care for each other.

Anyone can share their time and the extra they have with anyone who needs. I encourage you to become a part of this sharing community.

Stay well, stay warm and keep growing.

Ashley MacIsaac returns to perform in the Sanctuary stage

It almost feels like now could it be?

Now careful here but for right now I am happy to see



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Nadine Pizzicorola

had to get out of the house as I was becoming stir crazy. Those Canadian winter are just plain crazy.

Don't forget The Watchmen are coming for a long awaited visit on Friday March 13 - lucky Friday the 13th. I'd like to add, This show is almost sold out. Feel free to check with us for tickets.

On March 27, our stage here at The Sanctuary - Centre for the Arts expects to bring another Canadian Icon Superstar fiddler Ashley MacIsaac. His long lasting career started in the mid-90s with his first album "Hi".

How Are You Today? achieving double platinum status. Ashley MacIsaac won the Juno in 1996 in the Best Roots & Traditional Album - Solo. He has toured nationally and internationally and played with great

musicians such as The White Stripes. He is a descendant of the famous Jack White. In 2010, he sang at the opening ceremonies of the Olympic Games in Vancouver.

When Ashley MacIsaac performed at The Sanctuary a couple of years ago, the show was completely sold out. And seemed to be going into the same direction this time as well. If you missed him last time, now is your chance. This show will be seated. Doors will be on at 8 p.m., show will be on at 9 p.m.

St. Paddy's Day is just around the corner, so the boys from the Brimstone Brewing Company decided to open up the Tap Room at 11 am for "Kegs and Eggs" with Live music to get you in the right mood for the occasion.

Speaking of live music, I believe I failed to let you know about the Open Mic Kitchen Party every second Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.. Great talent in a pretty cozy environment - not a bad way to spend your Sunday.

For more information on all classes and shows, please visit www.theartsanctuaryart.org. Check out what's new at the Brewery on www.brimstonebrewing.com.

Need tickets to shows? The lovely staff of Trailside Bar and Grill will gladly help you. Tickets are also available on TicketScene.ca and The Tab Room.

Nadine Pizzicorola is the event coordinator for The Sanctuary Centre for the Arts.

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Performers to sing in support of the Fort Erie SPCA

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Animals aren't able to speak for themselves so it's up to people to speak for them.

Or in Jim Yorlido's case, sing for the animals.

The longtime Fort Erie resident will pay tribute to the man dressed in black during the SPCA Tribute Show featuring Johnny Cash and Friends.

Who: The SPCA Tribute Show featuring Johnny Cash and Friends.

When: Sunday, March 29 at 2 p.m.

Where: The Fort Erie Leisureplex, 3 Municipal Centre Dr., Fort Erie.

Why: To support the Fort Erie SPCA.

Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased at the Fort Erie SPCA, 410 Jarvis St., or Rosehill Auction, 1754 Garrison Rd.



FILE PHOTO GMI Agency Niagara

Jim Yorlido performed as Johnny Cash in this file photo.

Cash and Friends at the Fort Erie Leisureplex on Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m.

Proceeds from the show will benefit the Fort Erie SPCA.

"We've been doing this show at least four years," Yorlido said.

"I would say you're not going to get a show like this anywhere. It's only \$20 and you're supporting the animals," he added.

Along with Yorlido, country and rock and roll fans will get a chance to see performers pay tribute to old favourites such as Joe Passion as Jerry Lee Lewis, Pam Yorlido as Tammy Wynette and Loretta Lynn,

Jeff Giles as Buddy Holly, Bill Culp as The Big Bopper and Roy Leblanc as Elvis Presley and Roy Orbison. Performing as Johnny Cash is "fun" for Yorlido.

"It's not just about the music—you have to be an entertainer," Yorlido said. "I like doing this show. I enjoy the crowd's reaction because that let's you know you're doing a good job."

The performer encourages everyone from the young and the young at

heart to enjoy the show. "Anybody that's there will have fun at the show. It has world class entertainers. It's a big show for this town."

Tickets can be purchased at the animal shelter and at Rosehill Auction. For more information about the show call the Fort Erie SPCA at 905-871-2461.

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NEYA celebrates outstanding entrepreneurs

On Friday, February 20th, 2015 the Niagara Entrepreneur of the Year Awards, presented by CBC, took place. An event that celebrates and recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs in the Niagara Region, this year's group comprised of 70 Nominees and 7 Bestowed Award Recipients. The 21st Annual Awards' celebration showcased some new and exciting features including a pre-party, which featured a Red Carpet photo area presented by The Standard, The Tribune and The Niagara Falls Review.

Among the recipients were Dennis Parasz, who received the Lifetime Achievement Award, and Ed and Ted Fox, who received the Historical Hall of Fame Award.

In an act of true philanthropy, Steven Cohen, the Community Contribution Award recipient, very generously matched the \$5,000 Award presentation to Family and Children's Services.

It was a successful evening with over 450 in attendance and there was excitement in the air. Something magical happens when entrepreneurs get together, share stories, and celebrate their hard-earned successes.

Niagara is a flourishing place for entrepreneurs and this proves true every year with the long and deserving list of Nominees.



Steven Cohen, Salt Steel, Community Contribution Award Recipient with Anne Kemp (L), Family and Children's Services, Madeline Woodhead (M), Niagara Community Foundation, and Mark Cressman (R), Publisher, St. Catharines Standard



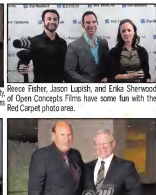
Dennis Parasz, Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient pictured with Don Cyr (R), Dean, Goodman School of Business-Brock University



Phil Ritchie, Keefer Developments, Special Achievement Award recipient and Michelle Ager (R), Owner, Finesse Interiors and 2009 Emerging Entrepreneur Recipient



Leonard Pennachetti of Cave Spring Cellars/ Inn On The Twenty, Jordan Station Tannery Enterprise Award Recipient and Lisa Cairns (R), Executive Director, Niagara Entrepreneur of the Year Awards



Reece Fisher, Jason Lupish, and Erka Sherwood of Oxyen Concepts/ Firms have some fun with the Red Carpet photo area.



Keith Cumming, Board Chair, Niagara Entrepreneur of the Year Awards and his wife, Julie Cumming



Spencer Fox (R), Owner ES Fox and Tom Rankin (L), Owner Rankin Construction accepting the Historical Hall of Fame Award on behalf of Edward (Ted) Spencer Fox & Edward (Ed) Spencer Fox

LET'S GROW TOGETHER

A look back at the week in Niagara

Got a event idea?

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WHAT'S GROWING IN NIAGARA

EMPTY BOWLS

Date: Wednesday, March 11, Club Roma, St. Catharines

Description: Niagara's finest chefs prepare and serve their favourite soup in one-of-a-kind bowls created by local potters. Included is the perfect complement to Niagara wines, specialty beverages, and delicious treats. Guests take their empty bowl home as reminder of those who struggle to meet basic living needs and secure affordable housing. Proceeds go to Bethlehem Housing & Support Services.

For more information: Call (905) 684-1802 ext. 1 or visit bethlehemhousing.org

STATE OF THE REGION

Date: Wednesday March 25, Scotiabank Convention Centre, Niagara Falls

Description: Please join us for the inaugural address by the Regional Chair, Alan Cassin. Regional Chair Cassin will share his plans for the future of the Niagara Region with the business community. The Standard, Review and Tribune are proud sponsors of this event.

To register: Please call (905) 684-2381 or visit greaterniagarachamber.com

SEAFOOD GALA

Date: Saturday April 11, Fallsview Casino, Niagara Falls

Description: The Niagara College Foundation Seafood Gala is one of the premier fundraising events in the Niagara Region. More than 700 business, educational, and community leaders attended in 2014 raising \$130,000 to support NC students. We invite you to be part of our 20th Annual Seafood Gala celebration held at the beautiful Fallsview Casino Resort on Saturday, April 11, 2015.

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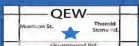
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PUBLIC NOTICE

BY-LAW TO ADOPT 2015 GENERAL LEVY OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 291 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and Town of Fort Erie Public Notice Policy By-law No. 206-07 the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie intends to consider a by-law at its meeting of **Monday, March 23, 2015** to adopt the 2015 General Levy Operating and Capital Budget.

For more information please go to the Town's website at www.forterie.on.ca under Government and Budgets & Finances. Further enquiries should be directed to Jonathan Janzen, Director of Financial Services at 905-871-1600 ext. 2300 (jjanzen@forterie.on.ca).

Any person interested in appearing before Council as a delegation at the aforesaid Council Meeting to address the proposed by-law must register with the Clerk's Office by 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2015 (905-871-1600 ext. 2236/2212). Written comments will also be received by the undersigned up to **3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2015** either by mail, email or hand delivery.

Tom Mather, Interim Town Clerk

Email: tmather@forterie.on.ca

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION #ISO-15Q-EQUIP

Fort Erie currently has information available at www.bidding.com/forterie or www.forterie.on.ca under Current Bid & Tender Opportunities with respect to the following:

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CLOSING

MONDAY APRIL 13, 2015

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TOWN OF FORT ERIE

NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

LOT 412, PLAN 439, GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF BERTIE, TOWN OF FORT ERIE (NORTH SIDE OF YOUNG AVENUE, EAST OF NICOLAS)

OWNER: FILIP SZABLUK

Application: 350309-0388

DATE: APRIL 7, 2015
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PROPOSED CHANGE

A Zoning By-law Amendment application has been received for property located on the north side of Young Avenue, east of Nicolson Road. The subject property is part of a through lot containing a single detached dwelling with the municipal address 3009 Evident Avenue. The applicant proposes to create a building lot for a single detached dwelling with an area of 406.5 square metres and 10.67 metres of frontage onto Young Avenue. The application for the Zoning By-law Amendment applies to the proposed building lot. The proposed amendment is to change the zoning of the subject property from Residential 1 R1 Zone to a site specific Residential 2A R2A Zone to permit 10.67 metres of frontage whereas Section 12.3 of the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 129-90 requires a minimum of 12.0 metres of frontage.

LOCATION OF SUBJECT LANDS



HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendments is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Town. Please note that unless you do one of the above now, you may not be able to appeal the decision later.

MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact Matt Kerehara, Senior Development Planner at (905) 871-1600 extension 2507 or mkerahara@town.forterie.on.ca. A copy of the Information Report will be available to the public by 5:00 PM on April 1st, 2015.

The information report will be available in the Council agenda portion of the Town's Web Site: www.town.forterie.on.ca or from the Community and Development Services Department.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision of the Zoning By-law Amendment, please send a letter c/o the Interim Town Clerk Tom Mather, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6 or an email to tmather@town.forterie.on.ca

PLANNING ACT LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Fort Erie has not yet made a decision regarding this application.

After considering any written comments and the comments from the public meeting, a Recommendation Report will be prepared for a Future Council-in-Committee meeting.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law amendment before the By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Fort Erie to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law amendment before the By-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board, unless in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to Tom Mather, Interim Town Clerk and such request should include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2015

Tom Mather, Interim Town Clerk

Richard F. Brady, MA, MCP, RPP, Director of Community & Development Services

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MARCH 15	1:00 - 2:30 PM	\$1.50/PERSON
MARCH 17	1:00 - 2:30 PM	\$1.50/PERSON
MARCH 19	1:00 - 2:30 PM	\$1.50/PERSON
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Returning students **MUST** apply. Application forms are available on-line. The deadline for receiving applications is **5:00 p.m. FRIDAY MARCH 20, 2015**. The Town of Fort Erie is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation is available to candidates upon request.



The Municipal Corporation of the Town Of Fort Erie

Municipal By - election 2015

Notice of Election Information

In accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, a by-election is being held as follows;

One To Be Elected
Councillor, Ward Two

Advance Poll Locations/Times

Dates	Time	Location
Thursday, March 19	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Royal Canadian Legion, 130 Garrison Rd. (Basement)
Friday, March 20	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Royal Canadian Legion, 130 Garrison Rd. (Basement)
Saturday, March 21	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Royal Canadian Legion, 130 Garrison Rd. (Basement)

Voting Locations on Voting Day, Monday, March 30, 2015 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Ward	Poll	Location	Address
2	200	Royal Canadian Legion	130 Garrison Road (Main Hall)

Institutions/Retirement Homes (for residents only):

Crescent Park Lodge	4 Hagey Street	9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Maple Park Lodge	6 Hagey Street	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Garrison Place	373 Garrison Road	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Voting By Proxy

An eligible elector, who is unable to vote at an advance poll or on Voting Day, may appoint a voting proxy to vote on his or her behalf. A person may act as a voting proxy for one eligible elector who is not a relative OR for one or more eligible electors who are relatives (specifically spouses or siblings of each other, parent and child, or grandparent and grandchild). Forms are available at Town Hall. The person who is being appointed as the voting proxy must come to Town Hall prior to 5:00 p.m. on Voting Day March 30, 2015 to have the appointment certified. Town Hall will also be open from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2015 for election purposes.

Alternate Formats

All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that candidates and electors with disabilities are able to receive information and copies of election documents in a format that takes into account their disability. The format may be agreed upon between the requester and the Clerk.

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NCC reopens historic building on campus

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Staff and students at Niagara Christian Collegiate are singing praises for the school's newly renovated Belmont Hall.

The first phase of renovations at the historic campus building were recently completed. A portion of the building now houses the school's award-winning music program. NCC students have access to a new classroom, four sound-isolated practice rooms and storage space for music instruments and equipment.

"Belmont Hall is a 30,000 square foot building that was shut down for the last four years because the boiler system blew," said NCC principal Mark Thiessen.

The school celebrated the grand re-opening of the building on Feb. 26. Staff, students and alumni celebrated with a special ceremony.

"The renovation is important because we value participation in the arts and we want to invest in the arts for current and future students," Thiessen said.

The full restoration of the

building will be completed in three stages. With the dedicated space for music completed, Thiessen said the second stage will target about 4,500 square feet of space dedicated to the visual arts program. Much needed updates to the building include the addition of rest rooms, the installation of a new heating system and new equipment and supplies for the arts program.

The final stage of renovations will include adding five new doors in the former chapel, a new front door and refinishing the signature stairwell in the building.

Thiessen said the project will be completed over time.

"NCC is not funded by the government so it's the funds we've raised as a school that have paid for the renovations," Thiessen said.

"The grand fever needs some TLC" and there's a lot of custom work and mill work from the 1920s that we would like to protect."

Thiessen said NCC alumni are invited to help recapture the history of Belmont.

"We want to engage the alumni, and their memories of the staircase. We want to get alumni to help recapture



NCC principal Mark Thiessen standing in Belmont Hall. The historical building currently houses a new music room and four practice rooms. The building is in the process of being renovated to include an arts space.

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the grandeur of the space. We want to make sure we do it right."

NCC was established in

1932 and currently draws students from 18 different countries to Fort Erie at its facility situated along the

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For more information about NCC visit www.niagaracc.com or call 905-871-

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Who will be selected for Fort Erie Time's 2nd Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards?

We're extremely proud of the contributions volunteers make to our community. We all know many of these often unsung heroes who add so much to the quality of life in Greater Fort Erie - let's put their names forward for official recognition by The Fort Erie Times and its Readers and the Citizens of Greater Fort Erie in a special section in the Fort Erie Times. Simply complete the nomination form, submitting the volunteer's name in one of the following categories:

1. Work with Seniors
2. Work with Youth
3. Historical Contribution
4. Cultural (Arts, Music, etc.)
5. Protecting the Environment

6. Education
7. Sports and Recreation
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10. Working with those with Special Needs
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13. Working with Animals

In addition to the 13 categories listed, if you wish to submit a new category for recognition please submit the category and we will give it consideration to be added to the list. All names submitted must include a letter of supporting information stating why your nominee should win. Nominations will be gathered by the Fort Erie Times to be forwarded to the selection committee. One volunteer in each category will be selected to be honoured by the Fort Erie Times at a special ceremony and will be profiled in the Fort Erie Times.

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3. Selected volunteers must agree to appear in a special feature story or another nominee will be selected.
4. Nominations are limited to people who live in the Town of Greater Fort Erie Area.

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Two-lane solution for Canadian Motor Speedway

Tony Ricciuto
QMI Agency Niagara

Developers for the Canadian Motor Speedway in Fort Erie say they have a proposed solution that would deal with any potential traffic issues at the QEW-Bowen Rd. interchange.

Now, they will endeavour to prove their position to the Ministry of Transportation with a formal presentation in the next few weeks, said CMS spokesman Erik Tomas.

The solution would involve using the existing two-lane infrastructure to facilitate the speedway.

"This is all about traffic management," said Tomas. "The MTO has put up a long list of requirements related to traffic to CMS developers, but we feel that there has to be a point for the MTO to step up and make a decision on how they're going to support CMS dealing with these traffic issues."

In order for the \$400-million project to move forward, improvements have to be made at the QEW-Bowen Rd. interchange, but the sticking point that still remains relates to what those improvements should be.

Supporters of the speedway believe their two-lane solution will work, and it's not necessary to spend more money building an expensive four-lane interchange because they will only be holding five or six major events a year.

Tomas said there will be close to 65,000 fans in the stands initially for auto-racing events, but there will be a limited number of days when the speedway will be at capacity, so it's not necessary to have the more expensive four-lane interchange when two-lanes will be enough to meet their needs.

He notes other existing and similar facilities that

have about the same capacity have been able to come up with ways to deal with their traffic issues without having to spend a tremendous amount of money.

"This is a \$400-million entertainment and auto racing complex. Something like this has never been built in the country before, let alone the province, so it's not something that they have had to deal with before," said Tomas, adding he understands things of this magnitude take time, but the developers want to make sure this project keeps moving forward.

They hope to have the project completed in 2017.

The centreplece for the massive track complex is a Jeff Gordon-designed signature speedway. Gordon is a four-time NASCAR Sprint Cup champion and he has announced that 2015 will be his 23rd and final full-time season of competition. He is one of the most celebrated NASCAR drivers in history.

Astrid Poel, spokesperson for the MTO, said they have been working with the developer, Niagara Region and the town of Fort Erie on this project.

"We have had many discussions with them," said Poel. "The developer must submit a traffic impact study to us and that will show how the traffic impacts the associated municipal road network, as well as the interchange, and how many lanes will be needed."

At Fort Erie council on Monday night, Azhar Mohammad, CMS executive director and partner, presented an update for council members that focused on the interchange issue.

All of the parties concerned agree the existing two-lane bridge at this interchange has reached

its allowable life and improvements will need to be made.

A four-lane interchange as proposed by the MTO at one of the exits to the site is estimated to cost \$38-million, but CMS traffic consultants say a four-lane bridge is not required for the project.

They note most major speedways do not rely on

highway and road network infrastructure changes to accommodate their major events. Niagara Falls, for example, accommodates 60,000 to 100,000 visitors for events such as the New Years Eve concert with no infrastructure change to the existing network.

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The Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre extended a hand of friendship to the community by inviting the public to attend the 20th Mid-Winter Powwow Saturday to celebrate and learn more about Aboriginal people's traditions. This year's theme was Rekindling Our Traditions.



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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times MPP Wayne Gates presented Fort Erie Secondary School student Charmaine Holland with the Leading Women, Leading Girls, Building Communities Award last Friday. The award celebrates women and girls who show strong leadership and improve the lives of others in their communities. Holland was honoured for her volunteer work with seniors. She intends on studying to become a doctor, specializing in geriatrics.

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Heritage Arts Legacy highlights local artist

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Joachim Gmoser uses inspiration from his life to create his paintings.

"I try to do a lot of local scenes because I think it's important to showcase what we have in the area," Gmoser said.

"I enjoy the ability to take a blank canvas and create something beautiful that people enjoy," Gmoser said. "I'm very fortunate to be able to share this talent with other people."

When he isn't creating artwork for others, Gmoser enjoys painting landscapes, portraits and children's art.

"I like to paint children's paintings and I'll hide well known characters in the paintings for people to find them," Gmoser said. "I enjoy those lighthearted fantasy paintings. They're great interactive pieces."

Gmoser was born in Austria and his family immigrated to Canada, where they settled in Toronto. From a young age, Gmoser showed an interest in painting. He began taking private pastel classes when he was 12 years old, and soon took up oil painting.

After winning an Art OAC proficiency award in high school, Gmoser went on to study for one year at Villa Maria College in Buffalo, NY, and went on to study illustration at Sheridan College in Oakville.

Gmoser, who currently resides in Fort Erie, has worked in the illustration industry creating collectible cards for a variety of companies.

If he can find the time, Gmoser said he would like



Artist Joachim Gmoser has his work on display at Bridgeburg Jewellers in downtown Fort Erie.

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to illustrate children's novels.

His work is currently on display at Bridgeburg Jewellers, 44 Jarvis St., in Fort Erie.

Heritage Arts Legacy member Ruby Smith asked Gmoser if he would be interested in displaying his work

at the store and Gmoser agreed to display 10 of his pieces.

"I think it's a great opportunity to showcase my work and it's definitely great exposure for myself. I have a home-based gallery but this is one more opportunity for me to share my work."

Gmoser's display is just one way the Heritage Arts Legacy, a non-profit group that aims to preserve Fort Erie's cultural, artistic and sports history, is sharing the talent of local arts.

The Legacy also showcases artwork in the window of a St. John's English Language


Classroom at the Multicultural Centre and other businesses on Jarvis Street.

"We've been looking for a gallery for years but it hasn't materialized," Smith said. "For now, we just hope that people will enjoy a stroll down the street and see

what the community's artists have to offer.

For more information about Gmoser visit his web site at www.cmyartwork.com.

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Drug bust in Fort Erie

A Fort Erie man has been charged with multiple drug offences.

Niagara Regional Police detectives executed a search warrant at an address in Fort Erie last Thursday.

Detectives seized a quantity of cocaine, hydromorphone pills, fentanyl and a large quantity of Canadian currency.

Phillip Popering, 35, is charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking, two counts of possession of a Schedule 1 substance, possession of proceeds obtained by crime under \$5,000 and obstructing a peace officer.

Numerous items believed to be stolen have been seized and police are continuing the investigation.

Man arrested for stealing plaque

A Fort Erie man has been arrested for stealing a plaque.

The District School Board of Niagara reported that a First World War memorial plaque that had been mounted to a stone had been stolen from Ridgeway Public School, at 143 Ridge Rd., in Ridgeway on Feb. 17.

The plaque was a tribute to local soldiers who gave their lives in the service of Canada, between 1914-1918.

The police recovered the significantly damaged plaque from a scrapyard in Fort Erie where it was being held by staff. The scrapyard staff had refused service to the male who brought the plaque in due to its suspicious nature.

James Fidler, 37, is charged with one count of possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000. Fidler was released on a promise to appear order with a future court date.

Sex crimes date to 1970s

A Fenwick man has been charged with a number of historical sex offences police say date back to the 1970s.

In 2012, Niagara Regional Police laid a number of sex-related charges against William (Red) Child after complaints that young boys had been abused in Fenwick in the 1980s.

In December police reopened their investigation after a number of new alleged victims complained of abuse they suffered in the 1970s.

Last Thursday, Child was charged with 14 new historical sex-related offences, including seven counts of indecent assault on a male and seven counts of gross indecency.

Wrong passport at border

A Nigerian man who tried to cross the Peace Bridge into the U.S. using another man's passport has been arrested.

"Our officers did an excellent job identifying misuse of a genuine travel document," said Rose Hilmye, U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokeswoman. "This is one of the most difficult types of fraud to detect because the travel-

ler presented a valid U.S. passport bearing his true photo."

Border agents at the Peace Bridge questioned the 43-year-old man last Saturday after he tried to enter the U.S. He faces charges of false claim to U.S. citizenship and making false statements. He was held in custody pending a detention hearing scheduled for later this month.

Crash sends three to hospital



HARRY ROSETTANI Special to the Times

Three people were sent to hospital with minor injuries following a two-vehicle crash Friday afternoon. Niagara Regional Police, Niagara Emergency Medical Services and the Fort Erie Fire Department were called to the scene of the crash on Crescent Road near Evelyn Street at 2:06 p.m. Const. Phil Gavin said the road remained closed to traffic until 3:30 p.m.

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Explore the Fort Erie Public Library during March Break

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

When the kids ask what they can do during March Break, the Fort Erie Public Library has the answer.

Children's and teen librarian Laura Martin said there are lots of activities to keep kids busy.

"We have the Mystic Drumz which is pretty cool," Martin said.

"It's musical story time. The story is told through international instruments that punctuate the story."

Featured instruments include Trinidad's Steel Pan, Cuban bongos, Spanish Castanets and European Xylophones.

Children of all ages are welcome to enjoy Mystic Drumz on March 16. The activity will be held at the library's Centennial branch at 10:30 a.m. and again at the Crystal Ridge branch at 2 p.m.

Martin invites children to

celebrate St. Patrick's Day during Pot of Gold Bedtime Stories at the Crystal Ridge branch on March 16 at 6 p.m.

Children are also welcome to hunt for gold and wear green during the Green and Gold Celebration on March 17 at the Stevensville branch at 2:30 p.m.

Martin expects the Reptile Kingdom will draw a crowd to the library's Centennial branch on March 18 at 10:30 a.m. and later at the Crystal Ridge branch at 2 p.m.

"Last year, the Raptor Conservancy was a huge hit and I think the Reptile Kingdom will be too."

Animals such as the Red Eye Tree Frog, yellow and green anacardas and tarantulas will be on display.

Youngsters are also invited to bring their stuffed animals for a sleep over at the library's Stevensville branch on March 18 and the library's Centennial branch on March 19 at 6 p.m.

"When the kids come in, we read a bed time story and they leave their animals over night for a visit," Martin said.

"The stuffed animals have lots of fun and they create a lot of chaos over night."

There are plenty of other activities including silhouette art on March 17 at the Centennial branch at 10:30 a.m. and a Wil U Smash Brothers Tournament on March 21 at the Centennial branch from 10:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.



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Children's and teen librarian Laura Martin invites children to explore all branches of the Fort Erie Public Library during March Break.

There's something for everyone, Martin said.

Some activities require a \$2 fee per child, or \$5 per family.

Each branch of the library will have free activities including Library Bingo, a Where's Waldo Scavenger Hunt and a Guess The Characters Game with prizes for everyone who participates.

For more information about other events and activities at the library call 905-871-2546 or visit www.fepl.ca.

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Welland sends Fort Erie to sidelines with a 4-1 series win

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QMI Agency Niagara

Another piece in the junior B hockey semifinal playoff puzzle was put into place when the team that wanted to win beat the team that had to win.

Kris Melna and Brayden Storiz each scored a goal and Chris Janzen, in his second star turn between the pipes in as many nights, made 32 saves to lead the Welland Junior Canadians to a 2-1 victory over the Fort Erie Meteors.

With last Thursday night's hard-fought win before an announced crowd of 752 at Welland Arena, the Front Row Sports Junior Canadians took the best-of-seven opening-round series four games to one and return to the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League Golden Horseshoe Conference semifinals for the third year in a row.

Janzen, who stopped every shot he faced, including a penalty shot, after replacing the injured Hunter Johnson early in the first overtime period in last Wednesday night's Game 4, is glad the team didn't have to go back to the Leisuresplex for Game 6.

"We have the speed and skill to compete in Fort Erie, but you don't want to play on that wider ice surface if you can help it. Anything goes when it comes to bounces in that place," he said.

When Janzen talks about how the Leisuresplex can be difficult for goaltenders, he's speaking from experience. He allowed four goals on 16 shots before being replaced by Johnson in a 7-6 Welland loss last Monday night in Fort Erie.

That Janzen, Johnson and, for that matter, Meteors goaltender Liam Conway were able to bounce back and stage a goaltending clinic two nights later is testament to the selective, short-term memory that reminders need this time of year.

"You have to forget those bad goals. The playoffs are too important to let you

head get screwed up by thinking about the last game," he said.

Janzen said the Junior Canadians are glad to put the Meteors behind them and get some much-needed rest before the semifinals get underway, likely next Tuesday.

"They always battle hard and take us to the limit," he said.

Third-seeded Welland won the first elimination game of the series against the No. 6 seed Fort Erie despite being outshot 33-28 and spending more time in the penalty box, a remarkable stat in its own right. The B's, who finished league play second only to the Listowel Cyclones in fewest penalty minutes, spent 14 minutes a man down last Thursday, while the Meteors, Ontario's most penalized team, was only called for two infractions totaling four minutes.

Every game in the series was decided by one goal and the Meteors were a goalpost and one mistake away from staving off elimination.

"Make a mistake against Welland and it goes into the back of the net," Fort Erie head coach Rob Hubbert lamented after his team's early exit from the playoffs.

Poor play on special teams also hurt the Meteors in Game 5. They finished 1-for-7 with a man and, on two occasions, two-man advantage, while allowing the Junior Canadians a goal on two power-play opportuni-

ties. "We couldn't capitalize on the power play,"

Despite the loss, Hubbert was proud of his team.

"This is a good squad and they battled every night. Congrats to Welland on winning, but they had to earn it," he said.

Hubbert suggested that in the playoffs the Meteors didn't play like a team that finished 28 points behind the Junior Canadians in the standings.

"We gave Welland everything they could handle."

Hubbert, a one-time goaltender, praised the play of Conway in the Fort Erie net.

"Liam played his heart out. You never hear off a sixth place team averaging only three goals against, but that's what we've been doing since Christmas," he said.

"I'm proud of the entire team and the whole organization."

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Fort Erie Meteors goaltender Liam Conway anticipates a rebound after blocking a shot from Welland Junior Canadians forward Max Cipriano in Golden Horseshoe Conference Junior B hockey playoff action Thursday, March 5.

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Blue Devils honoured at athletic banquet

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

No one expected the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach Blue Devils to win one game.

But they did win a game. The Blue Devils continued to surprise fans when the team went on to win the Niagara A football title over the Thorold Golden Eagles in November. The victory was bittersweet because the team's head coach, Cal Nigh, died shortly before the Blue Devils made the playoffs.

"What you guys did last year, you should be very proud of. Coach Nigh would be very proud of that, too," coach Gary Pooler said during the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach 2015 Football Awards Banquet last Wednesday.

Eleven awards were handed to players.

The following students were honoured at the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School Football Banquet.

Coach Calvin Nigh Leadership Award: A.J. Stewart, Zach Ricci and Victor Trainor.

Outstanding offensive player: Dalton Matasiz

Outstanding offensive lineman: Cameron Cannon

Outstanding defensive player: Jaxon Aquilina

Outstanding defensive lineman: Griffin Nigh

Outstanding special teams player: Luke Callis

Outstanding rookie: Gabriel Grigorov

Most improved player: John Ramsay

Most valuable player: Darrick Ellis

Categories included most improved player, most valu-



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Cameron Cannon was awarded Outstanding Offensive Lineman during the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School Athletic Awards Banquet last week. Beside him is coach Nick Woehl.

able player and outstanding rookie. Special awards were also given to the sideline crew, scorekeepers and train crew.

Last season's victory was also special for the Blue Devils because next year will be the last season of Blue Devils football at RCBHS. In 2017, Fort Erie Secondary School and RCBHS will consolidate its students into one high

school, Greater Fort Erie Secondary School.

Pooler, who will take the lead as head coach next year, said he intends to have a repeat of last season.

"We want to try and defend the Calvin Nigh Memorial Trophy for next season. Short of that, we would like to win four games."

Sandy Annunziata, who serves as Fort Erie's Regional

representative and two-time Grey Cup winner, offered the Blue Devils some words of wisdom during their awards banquet.

"Never stop learning because the minute you stop learning, that's the minute you don't open yourselves up the possibilities that are out there for you," Annunziata said.

Annunziata played in the Canadian Football League for 11 years. When he retired from professional football, Annunziata made the leap to television and radio to work as a commentator. He worked as a colour analyst for TSN, a writer and columnist for Yahoo! Sports and a commentator for Newstalk 1010.

He attributes his career on the football field for teaching him "life lessons" that he was able to use off of the field.

"Football lead into a lot of other things. It teaches a skill set that I learned early on from my playing days," Annunziata said. "You learn the value and principles of hard work and you can take that with you anywhere."

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Coach Nick Woehl awarded Outstanding Offensive Player to Dalton Matalsz.



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Coach Kyle Conway awarded Outstanding Defensive Lineman to Griffin Nigh.



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(Top left) Coach Gary Pollard awarded Luke Cullis with Outstanding Special Teams Player.
(Bottom left) Coach Jake Leahey awarded Gabriel Grigorov with Outstanding Rookie. (Top right) Coach Gary Pollard awarded Darriek Ellis Most Valuable Player. Calvin Nigh's wife Andrea awarded the Coach High Leadership Award to A.J. Stewart (Right, second from the top) Zach Ricci (Right, Second from the bottom) and Victor Trainer (Right, bottom).



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Rider receives scholarship

Sarah Ferguson
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Grace Paura

There's nothing like the feeling Grace Paura has when she is riding a horse.

"It's just the freedom. I guess it's hard to explain," Paura said about why she enjoys the activity.

"When you're riding, you're asking through your body language for the horse to move, go faster or to slow down. It's just natural horsemanship. It's all developed throughout the years."

Horsemanship isn't something that can't be taught in a specific time frame, Paura said.

"You learn something different every time you get on a horse."

The 17-year-old Lakeshore Catholic High School student has been named one of six recipients of the Ontario Equestrian Federation Bursaries.

Each year, the Ontario Equestrian Federation awards a minimum of five \$1,000 bursaries to youth to help them reach their equestrian goals.

The bursaries are given to recipients based on their involvement with horses, their future goals, and academic achievements. The bursaries can be used toward riding lessons, clinics, competition fees, continuing education and other activities that will help them develop their skills.

Paura applied for the bursary in December and never imagined she would be one of this year's recipients.

"No, (I wasn't expecting it.) I was a little shocked. I'm one of six in all of Ontario to receive the bursary."

Paura said she fell in love with horses when her cousins brought their horses to live on her family's farm.

"I've been around horses for years. I just really enjoyed them. My cousins had two horses that they brought to my farm and I learned about them through mucking stalls, feed them and caring for them."

When she turned 12, Paura began caring for six horses at a nearby stable owned by Dana and Nancy Hoover.

Today, Paura assists with riding camps for children in the summer and riding lessons during the school year.

"I really have to say thank you to (the Hoovers), who allowed me to ride their horse and work there at their stable, Rocky River Stable in Black Creek."

Paura said she is also grateful for her coach, Diana Gilfior, whom she has been training with for the last two years.

Paura plans on using the bursary toward furthering her equine education at the University of Guelph in the Equine Management program.

"In the program, I'll be looking at the total care of a horse, the business side of it and the whole industry of horses," Paura said.

"I'm not sure where it will take me in the future but I know I want to stick with it," Paura said.

"It really doesn't matter what I do, I just know that being with horses is something that I enjoy."

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Niagara skater wins gold



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Niagara Centre Skating Club member Cora Anne MacKinnon won a gold medal competing in the Star 5 category at Dennis Silverthorne Memorial Invitational Skating competition. The Grade 11 student at Fort Erie Secondary School will take the Level 1 coaching course in the spring to further her goal of qualifying to become a skating instructor. Niagara Centre Skating club would like to congratulate her on her achievement and wishes her best of luck for the rest of the competition season.

MARCH 16

MYSTIC DRUMZ

"The Button People" takes "Larry the frog" and "Slappy the Dolphin" deep below the enchanted sea to find the fabled Buttonville metropolis. Larry and his friends navigate the under-sea world to find the amazing button people. Featured instruments include Trinidad's Steel Pan, Cuban Bongos, Spanish Castanets, European Xylophones to mention a few. All ages. Tickets \$2. Fort Erie Public Library Centennial branch. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Crystal Ridge branch, 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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MARCH 18

REPTILE KINGDOM

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Sleepover. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite stuffed animal to the library for a sleepover! We will have a bedtime story time and craft, then we'll tuck the animals in for the night, while the children go home to their beds. Do the stuffed animals have a night-life? We'll find out with our secret cameras! All ages. Parental

participation required for children under the ages of 6. \$2. Fort Erie Public Library Stevensville branch. 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

MARCH 19

PETE THE CAT PARTY

Pete the Cat sure is groovy! Join us for some groovy stories and groovy crafts... and lots of groovy fun! Pre-Registration. All ages. Parental participation required for children under the ages of 6. \$2. Fort Erie Public Library Crystal Ridge branch. 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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KNITTING FOR KIDS

Ladies of the Bowen Road Women's Institute share their expertise and heritage in this free public program. They encourage all young people who would like to learn knitting to visit the Crystal Ridge branch of the library on Thursday evenings at 6:30. They will provide all the needles and yarn needed—your bring your curiosity! Fort Erie Public Library Crystal Ridge branch.

MARCH 20

HOME ALONE COURSE

Safety, first aid and comfort skills are covered in this course through interactive games and role playing. Pre-Registration is required, and may be made by calling 905-356-7340. Course fee of \$30 to be arranged with SJA at time of registration. Space is limited to 18 participants. For youth ages 8 and up. Fort Erie Public Library Centennial branch. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

MARCH 21

WII TOURNEY:

Super Smash Bros. Join us to see who the top Smasher is! Pre-Registration requested. Bracketing starts at 10:15 am. Ages 8 and up. Fort Erie Public Library Centennial branch. 10:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.



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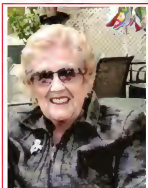
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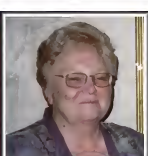


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Kingston

The family of Kathy & Tony Kingston would like to thank the staff of Crescent Park Lodge and Dr. Spencer for all the kindness and care that our mother received.

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MARTIN, George Raymond - a long-time resident of Stevensville and Toronto, passed away peacefully February 27, 2015 in Oshawa. Loving husband of Fern Elizabeth Martin (nee Barnhart), brother to Robert (Jeanne), Doreen Lawrence (Rag), and the late James Martin, brother-in-law to Avis McComb, Pearl Ford, Shirley Hopper, Carole Mann, Anita Kiss, Paul and Joan Dunn and the late Harold Barnhart. Ray was a beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews, an award-winning artist and gifted teacher. Ray was passionate about the beauty to be found in Canada's rugged north and drew inspiration from it. He loved jazz, playing the piano and vibraphone, organic gardening and archery. A memorial service will be held at St. Andrews United Church, Niagara Falls at 10 a.m. on Sat., March 14th. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to a local food bank or shelter.

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GESUALDI, Mario - Mario passed away at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on Wednesday, March 4th, 2015 at the age of 87. Beloved husband of Antonetta. Cherished father of Maria (Tony) Rahone and Carlo Gesualdi. Proud nonno of Michele, Melissa (Jamie) Stoddard, Marianne, Amber and Vanessa, and his nonno of Alessandra. Sadly missed by his sister Phyllis Zelanio his brother Luigi, his many nieces, nephews and friends. Mario retired from Horton C.S.I. in Fort Erie. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Berner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Sunday from 2-4 & 7-9. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church on Monday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment to follow in Greenwood Cemetery.



TRGOVCEVIC, Danijela - Danijela passed away at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, March 4th, 2015 at the age of 47. Loving wife of Mladen. Proud mother of Vedrana and Marko. Daughters of Eufrozina and the late Merko. Cherished sister to Anto (Andrea) Drlejan and sister in law of Maderica (Dragan) Vulic. She was the much loved aunt of Martina, Males, Nikola and Andrea. The family expresses their appreciation to Dr. Lee, Dr. Scher and the health care teams from St. Catharines General and Douglas Memorial Hospitals for their compassionate and professional care. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Berner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Friday, March 6th, from 2-4 and 7-9. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock from St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. Interment will follow in Greenwood Cemetery.

MCINTYRE, Angel (nee Lupi) - Peacefully, at the Bayfield at Bayfield Manor, Kempenville on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, in her 97th year. Beloved wife of the late Lloyd McIntyre. Loving mother of Margery Munday (Dick) of North Saanich, B.C. and Roger Kenneth Younger (Clonita) of Kempenville, Ontario. Cherished Nana of Tiffany Munday, Kenny Younger and great-grandchildren of Angel, Connor and Ricky Munday. Will be sadly missed by her sister Mary Toppazzini. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army.

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HILLIKER, John B. - At Greater Niagara General Hospital on Thursday March 5, 2015, John B. Hilliker, beloved husband of Joyce, dear father of Deborah Dunne (Peter), James B. Hilliker (Sherry), Darlene Bailey (Paul), brother of Melody Smith & the late Lloyd, Howard & Bucky. Grandfather to Tom and Kerry. At John's request cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES** (905) 884-0120



Remembrance Service for
Rev. Ralph E. Clark
Formerly of Sheraton, ON

Ralph was born July 6, 1928 and died December 29, 2014. He married Jean Disher Aug 8, 1948. She passed away October 10, 2009. They left Ontario in August 1948 for Manitoba. He is survived by his children Den & Linda Clark, Mary & Al Gunston, Kathy Clark, Edie Clark, Paige Clark and Ade Hawkins; his 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren and many relatives in Ontario. He was predeceased by his parents George and Fanny Clark, brother Murray and sister Gladys Sibbald. He faithfully served in The United Church until his death. A service of Remembrance will be held Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 1pm at People's Memorial United Church, corner of Ridge and Dominion, Ridgeway, ON. Please bring your memories.

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THOMPSON, Ruth Ann - Ruth passed away peacefully in her sleep March 6, 2015 at Niagara General Hospital. In loving memory of a wonderful Mother, Sister, and Grandmother. You will be deeply missed by our sons Art and Mark Kennedy, Tina Kennedy, Lisa Yates, your brother George McLeary your sister Cathy, your grandchildren Jessica, Amanda, Hannah, Nicole and Ryan, family and friends. You will be forever in our hearts, always in our thoughts and deeply loved. Cremation has taken place and, in keeping with Ruth's wishes, there will be no funeral service.

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Brigid Vitiello
 In loving memory of a wonderful Wife, Mother and Nonna who passed away 5 years ago, March 10, 2010.

*Those we love remain with us
 for love itself lives on,
 And cherished memories never
 fade because a loved one's
 gone.*

*Those we love can never be
 more than a thought apart,
 For as long as there is memory,
 You will live on in our heart.*

Your loving husband, Aniello,
 children, grandchildren
 and great grandchildren.

*In Loving Memory of a Dear Son
 SHAWN D. SINCOFF
 June 11, 1972 - March 16, 2009
 The garment of his soul passed away
 The spirit and love light stay;
 The echo of his voice, his smile,
 Just as if they were with us
 All the while...
 Those whom we love go out of sight,
 But never out of mind;
 They are cherished in the hearts
 Of those they leave behind.
 Loving and kind in all his ways,
 Upright and just in all his days;
 Sincere and true in heart and mind,
 Beautiful memories he left behind.
 All our love, Mom & Doug*



ROB PARKER

August 22, 1965 - March 13, 2010
*This month comes with deep regret,
 It brings back a day we will never forget,
 You fell asleep without saying 'goodbye',
 But our memories of you will never die.
 Mom, Dad, Steven, Helen, Louanne,
 Wayne and families and Duke*



PAUL FELL

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 and friend who passed away
 March 11, 2013

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

*We think about you always,
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 until we meet again.*

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GALAXY S6 VS IPHONE 6

(5.65 in.) 143.4 mm	HEIGHT	130.1 mm (5.14 in.)
(2.78 in.) 70.5 mm	WIDTH	67 mm (2.64 in.)
(0.27 in.) 9.8 mm	DEPTH	6.9 mm (0.27 in.)
(4.87 oz) 138 g	WEIGHT	129 g (4.55 oz)
(2,560 × 1,440 @ 576 ppi) 5.1 in.	DISPLAY SIZE	4.7 in. (1,334 × 750 @ 326 ppi)
Quad HD	DISPLAY TYPE	Retina HD
Android 5.0 (Lollipop)	OPERATING SYSTEM	iOS 8
3 GB	RAM	1 GB
32, 64 or 128 GB	STORAGE	16, 64 or 128 GB
16 MP (front); 5 MP (back)	CAMERAS	8 MP (front); 12 MP (back)
(2.4 and 5 GHz) 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac	WI-FI	802.11 a/b/g/n/ac
4.1	BLUETOOTH	4.0
Yes	NFC	Yes
3.5 mm headphone jack, micro USB	PORTS	3.5 mm headphone jack, lightning
Accelerometer, ambient light, barometer, fingerprint, gyroscope, hall, HRM, proximity	SENSORS	Accelerometer, ambient light, barometer, gyroscope, proximity, touch ID
Black, blue, gold, white	COLOURS	Gold, grey, silver
April 10, 2015	RELEASE DATE	Sept. 19, 2014



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(millions of units)



2014 marketshare

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Smartphone shipments
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2014 marketshare



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Transformers 4: Age of Extinction, 4 PM

Tuesday, March 17

Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2: Rodrick Rules, 1 PM

Wednesday, March 18

The Goonies, 1 PM
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey, 4 PM

Thursday, March 19

Little Giants, 1 PM
The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug, 4 PM



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